

Two Arrested in Raid on Livermore Alcohol Plant

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Two men are under arrest and one of the largest alcohol distilling plants ever uncovered in Alameda county was confiscated in a raid today on the Robert Hanki ranch, two and a half miles east of Livermore, on Buena Vista avenue.

The men held on charges of manufacturing liquor are Dick Connizzo, 2832 Eighth street, Berkeley, and Frank Maita, 2834 Eighth street, Berkeley. Whether they were employees or owners of the reputed plant, the deputies did not know.

The plant had a capacity of 300 gallons of 180-proof alcohol a day,

according to the raiding officers. In addition to 50 gallons of alcohol and 5860 gallons of mash found at the plant, the raiders also seized an automobile loaded down with cans of alcohol ready for shipment, they reported.

There was evidence that the plant had been in operation about a month, said the raiding officers. The two men found at the place submitted to arrest without resistance, but refused to divulge any information.

It was said by deputies at the sheriff's office that the operators of the plant had leased the farm and were negotiating to purchase it.